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BLASTS IN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of blasts in trains and railway premises took place in Maharashtra during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the number of deaths that took place due to such blasts during each of the last three years and the current year along with the number of people becoming full disabled;

(c) whether the Railways are taking concrete steps to prevent such incidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a): No case of bomb blast in trains and Railway premises reported in Maharashtra State during 2007,2008,2009 and 2010 (upto 31st January).

(b): Does not arise.

(c) and (d): Policing on Railways is the duty of the State Police which they discharge through Government Railway Police. However, the RPF Act, 1957 and the Railways Act 1989 have been amended in the year 2003 to enable the Railways, through the Railway Protection Force, to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in controlling crime on the Railways.

The following measures have been taken for security of passengers:-

1. Integrated Security Scheme consisting of CCTV surveillance system, access control system, personal and baggage screening system and bomb detection & disposal system has been finalized and the same is under implementation at 202 sensitive stations over Indian Railways.

2. Frequent announcements through public address system at stations are made to educate the passengers not to touch any suspected articles in trains and railway premises.

3. Dog Squads in Divisions and Zones are being augmented and sniffer dogs are utilized to detect any explosives in trains and stations.

4. Commando Training is being imparted to selected RPF personnel.

5. Steps are being taken to enhance the quality and content of the training of RPF.

6. Under modernization scheme, security gadgets are being procured and the weaponry is being upgraded for enhancing the striking capability of RPF.

7. Concerned State Governments have been requested to take effective steps to prevent incidents of attack on Railway system by anti-social elements.

8. Regular co-ordination meetings are held with Government Railway Police and State Police at all levels.

9. Anti-sabotage checks with the help of Government Railway Police are conducted at important stations.

10.Train escort parties are being briefed to keep surveillance on movement of suspicious persons.